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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE PATENT APPLICATION OF: Kimihiko NISHIOKA *et al.*  
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**AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §1.114**

**MAIL STOP AMENDMENT**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed **September 11, 2006**, the date for response to which is **May 12, 2007**, having been extended by a Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and a Notice of Appeal filed **March 12, 2007**, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 033975 (Ref. No. 009523-0283651).